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In re: Farahi
Appl. No.: 09/803,342
Filed: March 9, 2001
Title: INTEGRATED OPTICAL
CIRCUITS



Confirmation No.: 7331
Group Art Unit: 2874
Examiner: Ullah, Akm E

March 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2003 in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 97-117, Group II, namely Claims 118-119, Group III, namely Claims 120-123 and Group IV, namely Claims 124-132. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 97-117) and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

In light of the provisional election, kindly cancel Claims 118-132 from the present application.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or related fees are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such

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extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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